

NARRATIVE - #1 - JOHN KAY/JANNET LAWSON

John Kay was born on May 17, 1773, in Pennsylvania, and Jannet Lawson (Lowson) was born on Aug. 17, 1775, also in Pennsylvania.

John (20) and Jannet (18) were married on December 7, 1793, in Washington County, Maryland, (just across the line from Franklin County, PA), and James Lawson (1798) and Sarah (1803) were born in Pennsylvania (also perhaps Ellen and Mary). This would indicate that John & Jannet married in Maryland perhaps to beat the age limit, or perhaps because the county seat (Hagerstown) was closer in Maryland than to the Franklin County seat (Chambersburg). At any rate, it appears they lived in Pennsylvania both before and after marriage.

Since descendant children were variously named Lawson, Losson, and Lowson, it is assumed that Jannet's last name may have been spelled differently. Lawson is the name most prominently brought down for the succeeding children. Also, with James Lawson being the first male child, we would expect this was her maiden name. We might also expect to find a James Kay in the parentage of John or Jannet.

Perhaps we should look in Franklin County, PA, near Waynesboro, State Line, or Greencastle for the birthplace of James Lawson, Mary and Ellen, and also for a James or John Kay, born around 1753, as the father of John, although we have no record of father John's birthplace. Leotice Kay Smith remembered a Franklin County in the family history - this is apparently the one.

John Kay bought land in Township 11, Section 8, from the State of Ohio on July 21, 1804. Joshua was born in 1807 in Ohio, so between 1803 (Sarah's birth in Pennsylvania) and 1807 (Joshua's birth in Ohio), John & Jannet moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio. This period might coincide with the death of John Kay's father, since this frequently causes moves. If so, this might indicate an older brother to John, who may have kept the family farm. Also, it would give a lead to finding records of the father's death between 1803 and 1807.

*\* Deed in Springfield, Jefferson Co, O 3/14/1807  
was in Steubenville on 9/27/1806*

John also bought another piece of land (Lot 222 in Steubenville, Jefferson Co, Ohio, on November 18, 1806, from Bezaleel Wells.) In 1807, he sold this lot to James G. & Robert Henning for \$425. On June 16, 1808, he mortgaged his tools and household goods for \$55 for a two year period. On June 21, 1808, John sold Lot 181 in Steubenville, Ohio, to Wm. Conley. Perhaps he mortgaged his tools to get money to pay off the debt on land originally purchased from the state in 1804.

Jane Eliza Kay was born in Virginia in 1813. Jenney (Jannet) Kay recorded a deed for property in Jefferson Co, Ohio, on May 22, 1816. John and Jannet, listed as of Brooke Co, VA (now West Virginia), purchased 14 acres on Steubenville Road from William Cunningham for \$385 on November 10, 1817. From this we might gather that John and Jannet moved to Virginia sometime between 1808 and 1813, and were located there until 1817. Since this was just across the river, Jannet could have gone back to record the deed with little trouble. Perhaps the deed recording in 1816 meant that the Hennings had just paid off a mortgage taken back on the sale, and this led to the recording of the sale and the purchase of another property.

*Kay families*

*\* Quote from Develop letter 1/14/92.*

We know from their marriage license that James Lawson Kay married Letitia Wright in Harrison County, IN, on April 16, 1822, and they are both buried near Corydon, IN. Sarah married William Ross in Harrison Co. on Dec. 4, 1823, indicating that John & Jannet were probably in this county at those times. On May 26, 1818, John and Jane (apparently she went by Jane, Jenny, etc) listing themselves as living in Harrison Co, IN, sold a lot #53 in the town of Elizabeth, Harrison Co, IN, to John M. Jones by deed for \$50. On July 17, 1819, a J.P. notarized this transaction, and it was recorded on March 9, 1820. So it would appear that John and Jannet were probably in Harrison Co, IN from perhaps 1818 until perhaps 1824.

Jane Eliza married Reason T. Flora in Cass Co. on August 31, 1836. Since Jane Eliza probably lived with her parents until her marriage at 23, it appears that John & Jannet moved to Cass Co between 1824 and 1836. This would place them in both Virginia and Harrison Co IN for some time, so records of Brooke Co, W. VA, especially of Eliza's birthplace, of Harrison Co, IN would be of interest.

John Kay died on October 14, 1838, at age 65, in Logansport, Cass Co, IN, and is buried in the 9th St. Cemetery in Logansport, IN. This is the oldest cemetery in Cass County, and was founded by a gift from General Tipton (probably in 1828), who was also buried there in 1839. Whether the stone is there or not is questionable, since a Lutheran church was later built there over some of the unmarked graves.

John left estate papers indicating that he had incurred considerable debts, and it was questionable if they were all settled with the estate value. From the debts owed, mostly to merchants and tradespeople, some interesting facts of the times may be found.

Bills were mostly in the year of death, and included grocer's items for 1/2 lb tea at 50c, 12 yards of muslin at \$3, 2 pounds of sugar at 50c, a kettle for \$1, 5 lbs of coffee for \$1, etc. His assets were listed as a mare \$20, a colt \$8, bedding and bedstead \$15, blacksmith tools \$25, chairs and rocking chair \$3, and miscellaneous housewares and small tools - apparently no large farm equipment. This might indicate either that they had quit farming, that he practiced as a blacksmith, or that he had transferred most of his possessions to someone else.

Joshua was married in Carroll County, IN, (which abuts Cass Co) to Mary Martin on May 2, 1847. Jannet Lawson Kay died on September 2, 1850, in Delphi, Carroll Co, IN and was buried in the 9th St Cemetery in Logansport, Cass Co, IN. Her will was made in Carroll Co on June 1, 1849, and she left the bulk of her estate including real estate to Joshua, so it is assumed she was living with them at the time. None of the other children were allotted much (mostly \$5). The amounts are not surprising, since John left several debts when he died, according to his estate settlement. One exception was a judgement to Rezin V. Flory (husband of Eliza Jane) for \$226.65 against Joshua, the executor. Joshua also paid \$22 for a set of tombstones. The estate was finally settled on January 18, 1853.

John KAY m. Sarah YOUNG<sup>3</sup>  
b. 1 Oct. 1788<sup>1</sup> b. ca 1783 PA  
Hopewell Twp. Bedford Co. PA  
d. 17 May 1844<sup>1</sup>  
Coshocton Co. OH?  
(will, Cosh. Co. Bk.E, 92)

To Keene Twp. Coshocton Co. OH 1817 (Coshocton Co. History)<sup>2</sup>

Will written 13 Nov. 1847, probated 2 Jun. 1849 (this conflicts with above death date): land to wife Sarah for her life then divided among children: Eliz. Waybunn, Mary Ann Walker, Rachel Thompson, Isaac, William, John, Jacob, Malona, Caroline.

Children: (birthdates from KEY AND ALLIED FAMILIES)

1. William Kay b. 18 Mar. 1809 PA  
m. Sarah Good? (Cosh. Co. m.) 1834  
wife Elizabeth in 1852 deed
2. Elizabeth Kay b. 19 Apr. 1813 PA  
m. Samuel Waybunn (m. not in Cosh. Co.)
3. John A. Kay b. 17 Dec. 1815 PA  
m. Mary Ann Frederick Coshocton Co. 1844
4. Rachel Kay b. 17 Dec. 1817  
m. James Thompson Coshocton Co. 1836  
lived Holmes Co. OH 1860
5. Mary Ann Kay b. 20 Apr. 1820  
m. Adam Walker Coshocton Co. 1841 (he d. 1859)
6. Isaac Kay b. 28 Aug. 1822, to CA 1849  
m. Ann Platt 1852  
m. Mrs. Jennie Harrison 1882  
d. Jun. 1885 Alameda, CA (obit Cosh. paper)
7. Jacob Kay b. ? (not in KEYS & ALLIED FAM. list) *probably 27 Feb 1834 child*  
m. Calista Torry Coshocton Co. OH 1834
8. Malona Kay b. 20 Jan. 1825 OH  
d. 1855 probably never married
9. Caroline Kay b. 9 Jun. 1827  
m. Charles Courtright 1847-52

<sup>1</sup> KEY AND ALLIED FAMILIES, by Mrs. Julian C. Lane, 1931

<sup>2</sup> HISTORY OF COSHOCTON CO. OH, by N. N. Hill p. 525, (527 mentions a subscription school in Keene twp....John Kay and William Kay were teachers)

<sup>3</sup> Bedford Co. PA Orphan Court records - 1796. See 2nd sheet

I do have exact marriage dates in Coshocton Co. if you want them -

# Official Vote 1920 Election

## In Owen County, Indiana



NTY VOTERS



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RESIGNATION

no law the newly  
the Tenth Judicial

CANDIDATES	Clay No. 1	Clay No. 2	Franklin No. 1	Franklin No. 2	Harrison	Jefferson No. 1	Jefferson No. 2	Jackson	Jennings	Lafayette	Marion No. 1	Marion No. 2	Montgomery	Morgan	Taylor	Washington No. 1	Washington No. 2	Washington No. 3	Washington No. 4	Wayne No. 1	Wayne No. 2	Total
For President	80	50	98	147	87	145	225	50	72	93	136	64	118	121	207	292	294	214	166	120	221	2997
Harding (R)	82	95	171	154	86	130	176	106	105	118	236	117	54	140	132	188	192	194	188	137	152	2948
Cox (D)	88	97	112	153	91	149	236	50	74	99	143	65	119	121	209	302	301	229	182	127	234	3136
For Representative	80	97	153	150	86	127	169	105	100	107	238	113	54	141	133	173	179	189	181	129	144	2850
Oscar E. Bland (R)	79	50	95	146	85	140	224	50	69	90	133	62	107	121	202	278	286	209	162	119	220	2927
William A. Cullop (D)	80	92	170	151	86	125	172	102	105	116	233	110	55	137	132	196	202	196	192	135	150	2737
For Senator	78	50	97	146	86	139	220	49	69	90	135	58	109	121	204	285	296	211	163	119	224	2949
James E. Watson (R)	82	92	169	151	86	126	175	103	105	116	232	113	53	138	131	191	191	194	192	137	148	2925
Thomas Taggart (D)	87	55	105	147	86	139	239	57	73	95	142	70	105	125	199	319	306	258	179	119	221	3106
For Governor	80	93	159	154	91	134	166	96	100	107	235	110	60	138	138	160	177	184	188	136	153	2859
Warren T. McCray (R)	82	55	113	152	89	149	229	52	70	91	132	62	104	120	192	250	260	209	179	122	221	2876
Carleton B. McCulloch (D)	85	92	151	153	89	124	175	100	99	113	246	113	66	139	143	233	222	208	189	130	153	3043
For Judge	82	51	117	149	88	143	235	51	71	91	132	65	114	119	208	306	308	219	171	125	231	3066
Herbert A. Rundell (R)	33	97	154	150	89	134	171	101	101	111	238	109	52	142	127	176	173	198	194	127	141	2868
Robert W. Miers (D)	83	48	99	143	89	138	228	50	69	92	130	61	105	118	204	289	293	222	169	122	220	2973
For Prosecuting Attorney	82	97	163	154	88	133	174	100	102	110	244	114	58	140	130	182	192	190	189	131	151	2926
Q. Austin East (R)	81	49	107	135	80	139	227	49	66	98	148	64	106	121	185	277	271	226	169	129	204	2924
Willis Hickam, Jr. (D)	88	100	159	169	98	140	178	105	104	108	232	111	61	143	156	205	218	192	197	133	174	3071
For Joint Senator	77	47	92	137	86	137	231	51	69	85	135	61	104	119	205	254	271	212	152	120	208	2853
Oliver E. Lean (R)	88	99	170	161	91	134	171	103	104	118	242	92	63	144	137	226	216	204	214	133	155	3075
George R. Griffin (D)	84	51	98	146	86	139	230	49	70	94	135	59	115	119	199	277	283	211	161	125	224	2950
For Joint Representative	81	93	165	153	91	131	169	104	102	110	239	115	51	138	145	195	203	205	199	127	145	2961
James B. Filbert (R)	88	50	100	146	104	137	228	52	70	93	135	60	102	118	222	291	300	221	189	119	211	3053
Lee H. Jones (D)	78	95	162	152	74	134	171	104	94	112	241	114	66	142	106	185	186	193	183	134	164	2890
For Treasurer	83	60	114	165	80	144	226	51	50	91	133	60	106	119	205	279	292	224	127	210	202	2925
John A. Wells (R)	84	89	151	139	88	128	175	101	101	112	242	114	60	142	139	191	192	195	191	198	151	2907
Jentha B. Meeck (D)																						
For Sheriff																						
Marvin B. Lucas (R)																						
William C. McCarty (D)																						
For Coroner																						
Frank A. Williams (R)																						
Charles F. Pectol (D)																						
For Suvevor																						
Frank White (R)																						
Louis Dreshcer (D)																						
For Com'r 1st District																						
Frank Mugg (R)																						
Brian Miller (D)																						
For Com'r 2nd District																						
Merton Kay (R)																						
Shove T. Ooley (D)																						

In the county the Socialists polled 100 votes; Prohibitionists 35 and Farm Labor 14.

### THE QUAIL SEASON OPEN

The quail season opened Wednesday. Not more than 15 may be bagged in one day, and three days' consecutive bagging of 15 a day is the limit without an interval. The season will close December 20. Hunters should not shoot quail unless they have obtained the consent of landowners on whose farms they

### To The People of Owen County And All Others Who Helped in The Recent Election

Now the election is over, and I being one of the few men of my party who was not caught in the great landslide, I wish to take this opportunity to thank everybody for making it possible for my election.

### TO MY FRIENDS

I desire to extend my thanks to all the Democrats and my many Republican friends as well as those of other parties who so loyally supported me in my race for the Senate.

The trip up Salt River was made in mighty good company, mostly, of course, Democrats, who were caught in the landslide and the unanimous

John Kay b. 1780-1790  
d. 1847 -1849, Coshocton Co. OH

wife:

Sarah Young b. ca. 1783, PA

Bedford Co. PA records show Sarah Young placed under Henry Wertz at the time of her father's death in 1796, she being a minor under 14 years. This information sent to me in 1981 by Jeff Young. I presume this information was in Orphan Court records. He indicated the records show she married John Kay. (This is all I have)

Bedford Co. PA census, 1810:

John & Sarah }

Kay, John-Hopewell twp. p. 046  
males: 2(0-10) 1(26-45)  
females: 1(0-10) 1(26-45)

?? same page: Kay, William - males: 1(0-10) 1(10-16) 1(16-26) 1(over 45)  
females: 2(16-26) 1(over 45)

Bedford Co. PA census, 1800:

?? Kay, William males: 1(0-10) 1(10-16) 1(16-26) 1(over 45)  
females: 3(0-10) 2(10-16) 1(26-45)

Coshocton Co. OH census 1850:

Kay, Sarah	67	PA
Malona	25	OH
Kay, William	41	PA
Elizabeth	30	PA
Jerusha	14	OH
John	10	OH
Harriet	5	OH
Sarah	1	OH

Walker, Adam	32	OH
Mary Ann	30	OH
Caroline	8	OH
Malona	7	OH
Almira	5	OH
Lewis	5/12	OH

(Adam Walker died ca 1859--  
Adm. appointed 2 Feb. 1859)

Coshocton AGE, 20 Jun. 1885, obituary from the Alameda CA ARGUS reports the death of Issac N. Kay....b. Coshocton Co. OH 1822... to California in 1849, first to Sacramento then Alameda County, purchasing the Yosemite Hotel where he resided ever since.... twice married, in 1852 to Miss Ann Platt who died in 1879, and in 1882 to Mrs. Jennie Harrison who survives. His only son is Maro P. Kay "whose unfortunate course embittered his father's later years." ....remains interred in San Lorenzo Cemetery.

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Dear John,

Just received my KAY family newsletter from Ollen Kay with mention of your ancestor John Adolphus Kay (b. 1815) and Mary Anne Frederick (b. 1825). I recognized this couple from Coshocton Co. OH marriages.

Because "my" John Kay was also in Coshocton Co. from 1820s to 1850s, I did some research on the other John Kay in Coshocton Co. because quite often people of the same name in the same area at the same time - especially early in its settlement - may be related. It quickly appeared there wasn't enough time difference in their ages to be father-son, and not brothers, having the same first name. I did eventually learn my John Kay's father was William Kay. Whether or not there was an earlier relationship between these two families or with Ollen Kay's ancestor, another John Kay, is possible but as yet unproven.

From here and there (my research in Coshocton Co., answering queries and answers to my queries) I have accumulated quite a bit of information on your line. I enclose a summary sheet of this. Also two pages from KEY AND ALLIED FAMILIES which connect it to the early Philadelphia Kay family. As with most works of this vintage (1931), it gives no documentation and may well be inaccurate. I urge you to use it as a guide only and to prove it out.

In addition, I have a copy of the deed where John Kay's widow and most of his children (including John A. and Mary Ann) sold the land in Coshocton Co. and I would be glad to send you a copy if you wish. I also have corresponded with a descendant of John Kay's daughter, Rachel (m. James Thompson) and can put you in touch with him. I gave him information several years ago, and I don't know if he has found anything further back or not.

I would like to know where John A. Kay and wife Mary Ann settled, and the names of their children. It helps me identify and sort out Kays I come across. Ollen Kay's John Kay and my John Kay made similar moves to the same areas, and we wonder if this was coincidence or not.

For your information: (my line)

John Kay b. 1799 MD, son of William Kay/Sally Deakin (m. Allegany Co MD) m. 1821 in Brooke Co. VA (between OH and PA, north of Wheeling WV) to Elizabeth Boring, dau of James Boring

John and Elizabeth went to Coshocton Co. OH (as did her parents) and were there into the 1850s, then they went to Fulton & Kosciusko COUNTIES in Indiana, then to Newton Co. IN (on the IL border) where they died in the 1870s.

Hope this helps, and hope to hear from you.

Yours truly,

*Ruth*

Ruth L. Dunlap

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April is the month of Spring resurgence - longer days, more sunshine, maybe some showers of a nice kind - the only thing blackening the skies of our outlook is that it is also TAX MONTH. Regardless of how we feel about Forbes and his flat tax, we no doubt all feel that "less would be better", especially if it could be taken from fat Congressional pensions, silly ideas that we can run the world, and all those things money is spent on of which we disapprove!

Regardless, we will continue to pursue our ancients, dig into their ways of a simpler life (not according to my latest book, which debunks a lot of memories - "The Good Old Days - They Were Terrible"). and look forward to a great year in 1996 - how about that Stock Market? Ollen